

Grand Calumet River Area of Concern *AOC Overview*

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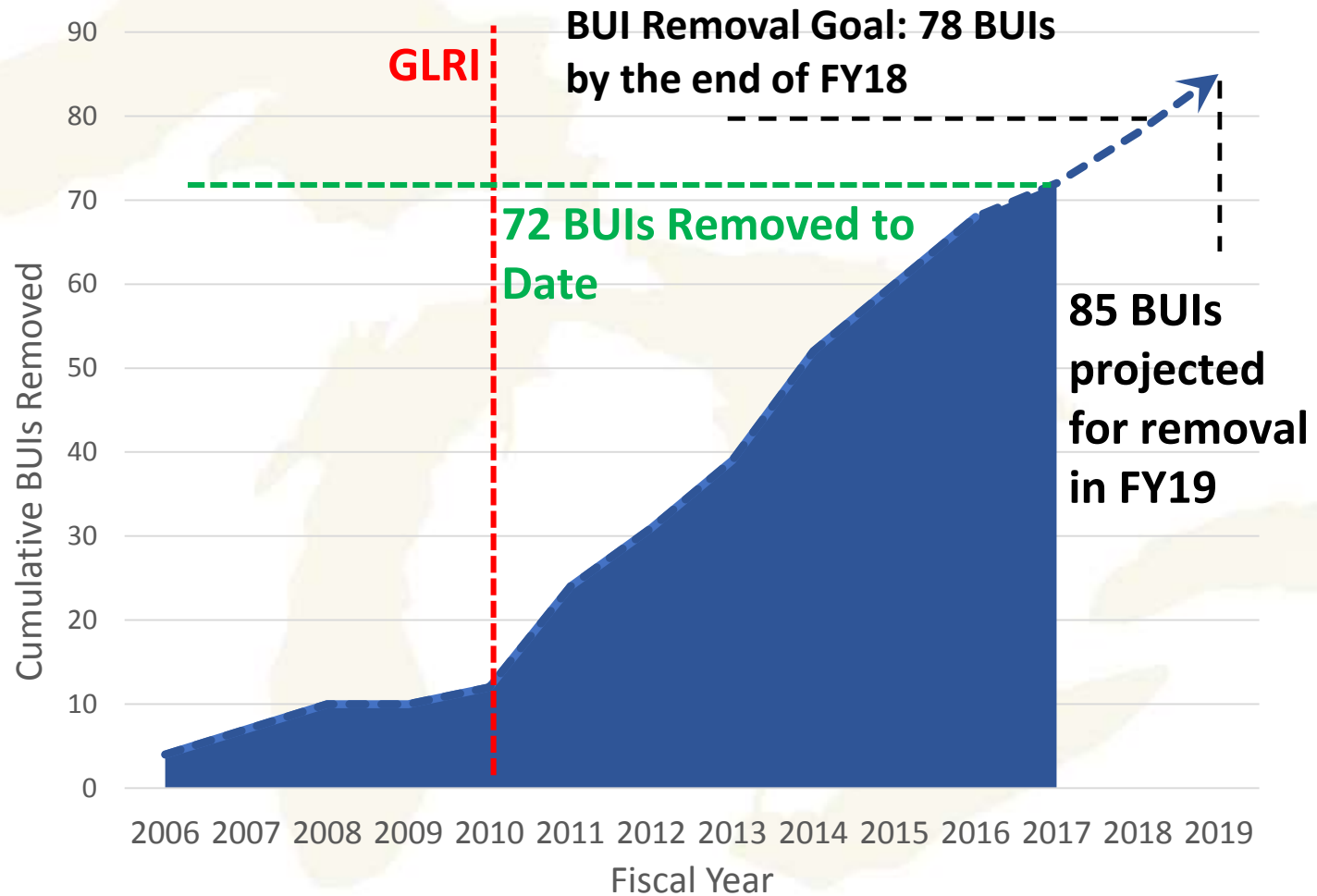
Great Lakes Areas of Concern (AOC)

- **Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI)**
 - Identifies focus areas to protect and restore the Great Lakes, including toxics and contaminants of concern – which includes AOCs.
 - Provides substantial funding for Great Lakes restoration (~ \$100 M devoted to AOCs each of the last 5 years)
 - **Great Lakes Legacy Act (GLLA)**
 - Contaminated sediment program focused on accelerating the pace of remediation while also allowing for habitat restoration in conjunction with sediment cleanups.
 - Utilizes a cost-share approach and partnerships to leverage resources and successes
- **AOC Management Actions** – Priority actions necessary to remove BUIs in an AOC. These are mainly sediment remediation and habitat restoration projects → Sediment and Habitat impacts influence a majority of BUIs.

AOC Measures of Progress and Annual Targets: GLRI Action Plan II

	Baseline	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Universe
Areas of Concern where all management actions necessary for delisting have been implemented (cumulative)	7	8	9	11	12	17	31
Area of Concern BUIs Removed (cumulative)	52	60	65	72	78	85	255

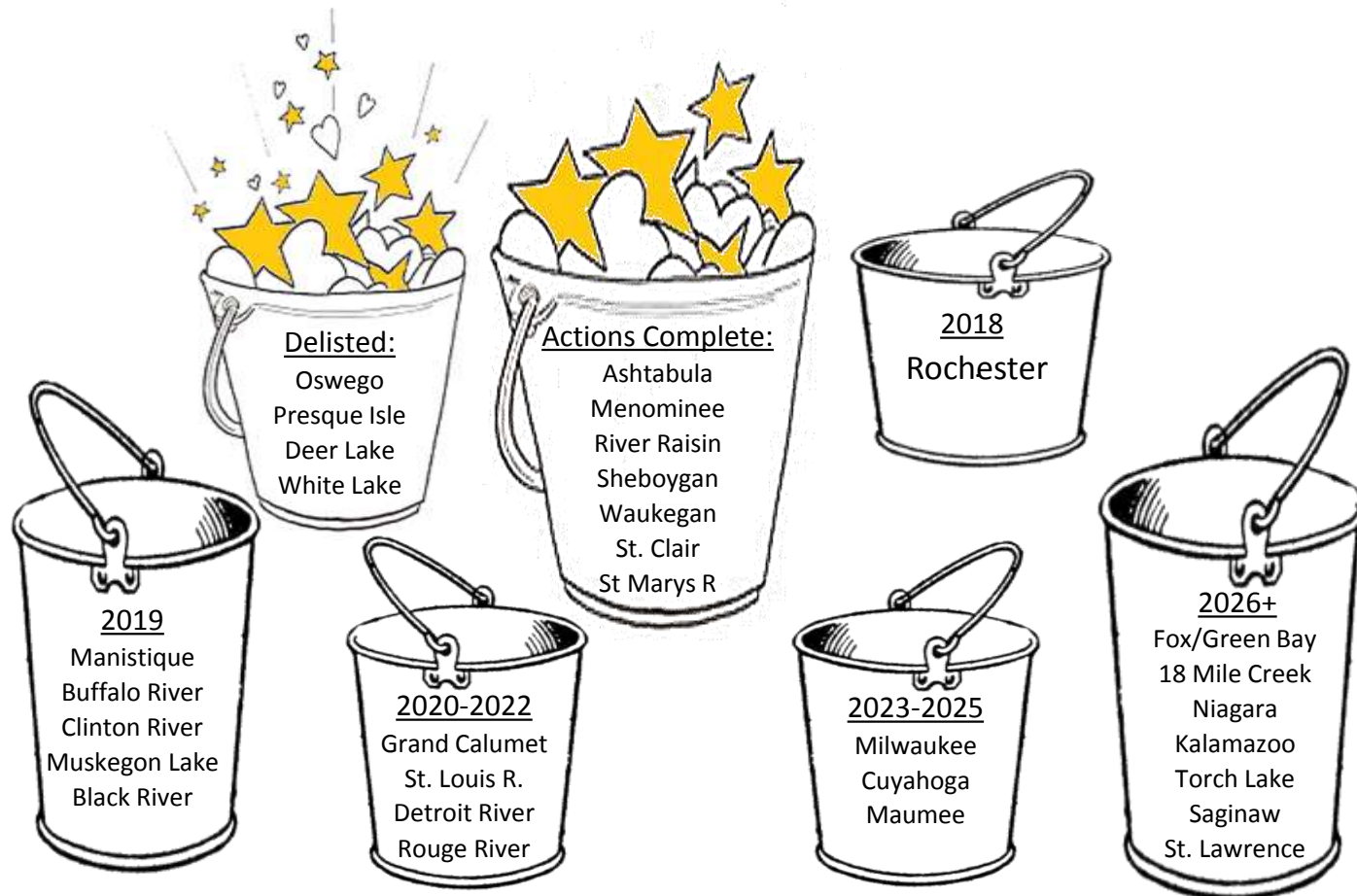
Beneficial Use Impairments Removed At Great Lakes Areas of Concern



Management Actions Completed

- Four AOCs with completed management actions in 2014-2015:
 - Ashtabula River
 - Sheboygan River
 - Waukegan Harbor
 - St. Clair River
- FY 2017 completions:
 - St. Marys River
 - Lower Menominee River
 - River Raisin
- 11 AOCs with management actions complete—Met the FY 2017 target set in Action Plan II
- FY 2018 scheduled: Rochester Embayment

Progress Towards Management Actions Complete



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Note: Fiscal Year Completion

Questions?

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